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THE BRITISH COLONIST IN THE ISLAND THAT RECEIVES TELEGRAPHIC DESPACHES.

English News.

Our files of English journals are to the 27th of November. The great floods in the Northern Counties—a brief account of which was received per cable—have wrought incalculable injury to the manufacturing interests. At Wigan all the factory fires were extinguished, while the Manchester and Southport railway was completely stopped. At Leeds, the Aire, usually so sluggish, violently overflowed its banks, and the streets were flooded with water. But a more terrible scene has been witnessed within the town. A barge was upset near the bridge and lay so awkwardly as to divert the course of the already swollen river. The water made channels for itself almost at a tangent with its usual direction, and the spectacles naturally attracted a considerable number of people. Suddenly a terrace on which they stood partially gave way, doubtless undermined by the stream, and thirty persons were precipitated into the rushing water. At least twenty of them sank to rise no more. It is difficult to believe without an effort that Manchester itself has been flooded in its lower quarters by an insignificant ditch like the Irwell; or that Oldham, Preston, Bury, Burnley, Rochdale, Wigan, Ashton-under-Lyne, Leeds, Huddersfield, Halifax, Bradford, Stockport, have all been more or less submerged and their busy manufactories stopped. The Reform Banquet at Manchester was very largely attended. For the first time, there has been a cordial union between all classes of Reformers, and the effect has been to add greater strength to the movement. In our telegraphic column, there is intelligence of the great London Reform meeting, gotten up under the auspices of John Bright. The weather was gloomy, but the attendance was enormous. The telegram says, that the Stars-and-Stripes were carried in the procession, and that the band played the Fenian air of "wearing the green." But we doubt that. Dr Mary Walker, the American adventuress, lectured at St. James Hall, in a frock coat and tight-fitting pants, and was terribly hissed; she appears to be a little humbug, and her remarks were hardly audible. Bishop Colenso has won his case, and the Archbishop of Canterbury must now consecrate the recalcitrant a Bishop of the Church of England. A report was circulated in London, on the 12th of November, that the Prince of Wales had been thrown from his horse and killed, while hunting in Russia. The story was invented for stockjobbing purposes.

THE TRUTH WILL OUT.

The short sighted policy of the American government in relation to the renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty, is just now being felt by the Americans. The New York Evening Express thus acknowledges the working of the illiberal policy: "The repeal of the reciprocity treaty is not working well on the American borders, opposite the shores of Canada. Twenty per cent. duty in gold on boards and timber in the rough, and double the sum on planed and finished lumber, is a drawback to our trade and prosperity, and the practical effect during the season past has been to send vast quantities of coarse lumber to the West Indies and Europe, via Quebec instead of bringing it to New York via the lake and the canal. This is also true of all Canadian products and especially of flour, grain of all kinds, butter and provisions generally. It is only just now, owing to the enormous prices of breadstuffs and feed, that so few inquiries are made in Canada by our people for flour and other foodstuffs, and it is possible that before the canal closes, some of our four weeks hence, we may receive some shipments of produce which have, for some months past, found a market abroad. Indeed, Canada is just now seeking and successfully, foreign markets to take the place of the United States markets, which she once patronized so extensively to our great advantage."

A COURT SCENE.

William, who made you? William, who was considered a fool, screwed up his face, looked thoughtful, and somewhat bewildered, replied: "Moses, I s'pose." "That will do," said Counsellor Grey, and addressing the court: "The witness says he supposed Moses made you. That is an intelligent answer for it shows that he has some faint idea of Scripture. I submit that it is not sufficient for him to be sworn as a witness, capable of giving evidence." "Mr Judge," said the fool, "may I ask the lawyer a question?" "Certainly," said the Judge. "Well, then, Mr Lawyer, who d'ye s'pose made you?" "Aaron, I s'pose," said Counsellor Grey, imitating the witness. After the mirth had somewhat subsided, the witness drew out a book. "Well, now we do read in the Book that Aaron made a calf, but who'd thought the darned crier had got in here?" The Judge ordered the man to be sworn. A Yankee pedlar, with his cart, overtaking another of his class on the road was thus addressed, "Hallow, what do you carry?" "Drugs and medicines," was the reply. "Good," returned the other, "you may go ahead; I carry gravestones."

A hatter in Berlin has posted up in his shop the following question and answer: Q.—Who is over head and ears in debt? A.—He who has not paid for his hat.

By Electric Telegraph

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPACHES

United States.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 6.—The Mobile Senate yesterday ratified the constitutional amendment by a vote of 36 to 63.

New York, Jan. 6.—Thos. B. Burke, assassinated Miss Fannie Willard, in this city, yesterday, and subsequently placed a revolver to his own head, and fired, killing himself. It appears that Burke had been following his victim with a proposal of marriage, and becoming infuriated with jealousy, determined to end her life and his own.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The President read his veto message on the bill relating to the franchise in the district of Columbia, on Friday, to the Cabinet. The whole question was reviewed. General Grant was present and states that all members of the Cabinet, except Stanton, agree with the President, that it is a very able document.

Dr Mudd, Spangler and Arnold, the assassins conspirators, it is said, will be liberated in consequence of the decision of the Supreme Court.

New York, Jan. 7.—Negotiations for the merging of the South Pacific Railroad Company into the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company, were concluded yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—In the Senate, a resolution of the territorial legislature of Montana, was presented, asking an increase of pay for members of that body. In the House, Piddell of California, moved to instruct the post office committee, to enquire why the postal service is not put on the route from Springfield, Mo., to San Francisco.

There is a growing sentiment among Republicans in every direction in favor of the impeachment of the President.

DELAIED DESPACHES.

Europe.

(PER ATLANTIC CABLE.)

PARIS, December 26.—A coup d'etat in the Spanish Government is said to be imminent. The Queen is unable to select a Ministry which has the confidence either of the Progression or Church party.

A Berlin journal contains a proclamation, re-establishing the Province of Poland in its rights under the Prussian Crown.

BREMEN, December 28.—Official orders have been received to arrest the Prussian subjects who are about to emigrate from the Kingdom, intending to evade the National Landwehr law.

PARIS, December 28.—It is rumored that the United States have entered into negotiations with the Spanish Government for the cession of the Island of Minorca.

FLORENCE, December 28.—The Italian Government has demanded indemnity of Turkey, for firing into an Italian steamer while plying in Candian waters. It is not known what answer was received.

Mazzini, the Italian patriot, has issued an address calling on the people of Rome to demand a Republican form of Government.

LONDON, December 28.—The rumor that the Christian Powers will interfere in the affairs of Turkey is repeated. The Times believes that a collision grows less likely every day, but adds that if the Eastern question should come up England will be disposed to let matters take their course, without any effort to shape them to her wishes.

BERLIN, December 28.—The King of Hanover has finally resolved to release the officers of the late Hanoverian army from their oath of allegiance. Many of them will go into the Prussian service.

PARIS, December 27.—A Berlin journal declares that Austria meditates an invasion of Turkey.

An English paper of character says that the Government of France has asked those of England, Austria and Italy to form an alliance, in view of the troubles apprehended in the matter of the Eastern question; but it is said that the great Powers of Europe have no present intention of interfering.

It is said that the British Minister in Greece has been ordered to seriously protest, in the name of that government, against the warlike acts of bands of Greeks entering Thessaly.

LONDON, December 28.—The repulse of the French fleet in the Corea is confirmed. The Cochin Chinese shore batteries are said to be very formidable.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The World has the following additional foreign news by cable:

LONDON, December 29.—Afternoon.—It is semi-officially announced that the Great Powers will not meddle in the Turco-Grecian question at present.

A statement is also made that Lord Lyons has been instructed by the British Government to caution Greece against further acts of hostility, open or secret, against Turkey.

PARIS, December 28.—Non.—The Emperor Maximilian has ordered his letters to be sent to Mexico, not Gibraltar.

PARIS, December 29.—A French ironclad squadron is expected to leave Cherbourg for Vera Cruz.

BERLIN, December 29.—An official edict, restoring Prussian Poland to her rights under the Prussian Crown, is published in the North German Gazette to-day.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 29.—P.M.—The Porte has addressed a circular letter to the Great Powers, complaining of the warlike acts of Greece, in reference to affairs in Candia, and asserting a determination to break off diplomatic relations with that nation.

FLORENCE, December 29.—Rumors of changes in the Italian Cabinet are entirely false.

PARIS, December 28.—P.M.—Advices from Corou state that the French troops have captured the city and fortifications of Kiangkow.

Canada.

QUEBEC, C. E., Nov. 24.—A large number of temporary sheds have been erected in the burnt district, in which many of the "burnt out" by the late fire will find shelter for the winter. A great many are emigrating to the United States.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—Much dissatisfaction is expressed at the respite granted to the Fenian prisoners. A number of suspected persons are loitering around here supposed to be in sympathy with the Fenians, and fears are entertained that they contemplate burning the Parliament buildings. The authorities have them under close surveillance.

The vacant lands around Madoc and the townships where gold was found have been offered for sale by the Government at \$2 per acre. There was a heavy fall of snow yesterday. To-day it is mild and raining.

European Mail Summary.

LONDON, Monday, December 3.—The great Reform demonstration took place here to-day. It was participated in by all the Trades Societies. It was the most important affair of the kind that was ever seen in this city. Fully fifty thousand people marched in the procession to the place of meeting, and there would have been thousands more had the weather been fair. There were forty-seven societies in the line of march, together with various branch societies of the Reform League, all divided into four grand divisions, with bands of music, banners, mottoes, etc. At noon the multitude stretched from St. James' Park along Pall Mall, Piccadilly and other principal streets, to the grounds of Beaufort House, in the suburbs of the city, where an immense meeting is now in progress. Seven platforms have been erected, from which more than fifty speakers have addressed the masses. The stores of all kinds of march were in the streets, and the windows filled with spectators. Great enthusiasm was manifested, but the immense crowd was orderly and no disturbance occurred. The Stars and Stripes were borne in the procession, and among the airs played by the various bands was the "Wearing of the Green."

LONDON, Monday, December 3.—Evening. John Bright was present at the great Reform demonstration which took place in London to-day. In spite of a heavy rain, there were twenty-five thousand people in the procession, only a portion of whom could enter the grounds where the meeting was held. Resolutions were passed and great enthusiasm; at the conclusion the people dispersed peacefully. Mr Bright will address an immense audience to-night.

The Jamaica Abolition Committee in London, have been advised that the facts disclosed in the report of the Royal Commissioners afford a proper ground for an indictment for murder against Mr Eyre and the other persons concerned in the execution of Mr Gordon, and that no other mode of vindicating the law in reference to these facts is open to them, and have instructed their solicitors to proceed forthwith with an indictment against Mr Eyre.

The Secretary of State of England has proposed to give a reward of £15,000 for the invention of the Seidler gun, unless it should fail when tested by being placed in the hands of the troops, an ordeal to which it has not yet submitted.

The recent overflow of the rivers in Lancashire and Yorkshire, England, was attended with most disastrous consequences.

LONDON, December 7.—There is a rumor circulating throughout the continent, that the Czar of Russia has in England and France, to take some measures by which the three governments may arrive at a mutual understanding in regard to affairs in the Island of Candia.

The Emperor Napoleon visited Prince Napoleon, who returned to Paris to take part in the labors of the Military Organization Commission.

Paul Chevalier, better known as 'Gavarni,' the French artist, died on the 24th ultimo at the age of 65 years.

The Russian Minister of War had ordered the conversion of 162,000 muskets into breech loaders. Tenders would be received by the artillery department of war up to the 9th of December.

The vicinity of Constanza was covered with packed ice on the 19th November.

Severe gales have been prevalent along the English coast, and especially in the Irish Channel. Sundry wrecks and loss of life are reported. The most serious was the loss of the steamer Ceres, bound from London to Dublin. She struck off W. of Lord, and almost immediately parted in two. A few persons on board were saved. It was not exactly known how many were lost, but 35 dead bodies had been recovered.

From Switzerland we learn that serious disturbances took place at the elections in Geneva of members of the Grand Council. About fourteen wounded persons were taken to the hospitals; but the attacking party carried off their wounded. Order was finally restored by the gendarmes. The 'independent' party elected 63 members against 41 radicals.

Recommendations of the Commissioners on Recruiting in Great Britain involve an additional annual outlay of half a million sterling for army purposes.

Sir John Pakington will not be able to increase the iron clad fleet of England, on account of the indisposition of the Government to increase the navy estimates.

King Victor Emmanuel decorated the flag of the Venetian municipality with a gold medal of honor. The ceremony was witnessed by immense crowds.

A despatch from Rome says:—Mr. Gladstone has written a letter to the official journal denying the account of his interview with Pope, published in the *Corriere Italiano* and other journals.

The news published by some continental journals of a hostile manifestation made by the Roman legion on the occasion of its restoring the Pontifical flag is entirely devoid of foundation.

Intelligence received from Rome states that it has been decided at a secret conspiracy that if the Pope be obliged to quit Rome, he will seek an asylum in Malta. The ecclesiastical authorities of Malta have received semi-official notification of this decision.

A telegram from Valencia says:—Prayers were offered in the Roman Catholic churches for the deliverance of the Church from her enemies, and the Pope from his present grievous troubles. The 14th is appointed as a day of fast and humiliation.

Our special correspondent in St. Petersburg states that the Czar has relieved Baron Stoeckel from the post of Russian Minister in Washington. His successor had not been appointed at date.

The Spaniards in Cadix were jubilant to an extreme degree in doing honor to the "brave mariner" just received from the war in the Pacific.

The London Times speaking of M. Lamirande's extradition from Canada, says:—Some time ago the Paris *Moniteur* formally announced that Lamirande's extradition was managed in strict accordance with the provisions of the Extradition treaty. We can only reply that a repetition of the proceedings which the *Moniteur* sanctions would make it impossible to maintain that treaty, for the sake of enforcing which we have so lately modified our own rules of criminal procedure.

China.

DATES TO NOV. 3RD.

The American schooner *Surprise* was lost on the 24th of July, off the Japanese coast, or crew were consularly suffering, landed in Corea where to their surprise, they were well taken care of, and after some detention, by easy journeys they were escorted to the boundary of China proper, from whence they made their way with some difficulty to Chefoo.

Madame Anna Bishop had arrived at Hongkong, from Manila, and was giving a series of concerts.

The Viceroys of Nankin had taken the field in person, with a considerable force, to assist in crushing out the Shantung Nefei (rebels). Three independent Chinese Imperial troops were on the march against the rebels, but the population among their commanders had been so great that foreigners did not entertain any hopes of great success in their military operations.

The Spanish squadron which sailed from Papeete in July last had arrived in Manila.

VICTORIA RIFLE CORPS.—Compulsory Drill, Monday at 8 p.m., Drill Hall; full uniform. No. 2 Company, Wednesday at 8 p.m., Sword Drill, Thursday at 8 p.m.—By order, J. GORDON VINTER, Lieut. and Adj.

Great Outrage on American Travelers in Turkey.

A letter in the *Levant Herald* of the 17th of October gives an account of a gross attack upon two American gentlemen and a boy on their way to Tiflis. Henry Stanley, one of the number, writes: "When about seven hours from Adana Karahissar, on the 18th of September, en route to Tiflis and Thibet, via Erzurum, from Smyrna, I and my two companions, H. H. Book of Illinois, and a youth of New York, were attacked by a band of robbers, hailing from the village of Chibissar, headed by a fellow named Achmet, of Karahissar, and robbed of all our money, valuables and clothing, to the tune of about \$9,000 piastres. It would occupy too much space were I to enter minor details. Suffice it to state that, after robbing us, they conveyed us prisoners in triumph to Chibissar, accusing us of being robbers, which brought down on our devoted heads unparalleled abuse from the villagers; the women pelted us with stones, the children spat at us, the men belabored us unmercifully with sticks, clubs and firebrands. Not comprehending in the least what direction affairs had taken, I must say for myself that I was plunged in a state of stupefaction not unmingled with terror, as I saw the robbers and their tools, and the women pelted us with stones, the children spat at us, the men belabored us unmercifully with sticks, clubs and firebrands. Not comprehending in the least what direction affairs had taken, I must say for myself that I was plunged in a state of stupefaction not unmingled with terror, as I saw the robbers and their tools, and the women pelted us with stones, the children spat at us, the men belabored us unmercifully with sticks, clubs and firebrands. 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